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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 October 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Fong et al (U.S. 6,493,328).

As per claim 1,8 Fong disclosed a method for controlling a plurality of communication sessions on a mobile terminal in a communication system, the method comprising: establishing a first communication session at the mobile terminal; sending a signaling message to the mobile terminal indicating a second communication session to be connected to the mobile terminal (col. 2, lines 12-21); determining whether the second communication session is accepted and the first

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communication session is put on hold on the mobile terminal (col. 5, lines 6-15); and, if so, sending a policy management control message to a serving node associated with the mobile node, the policy management control message including instructions to intercept on the serving node a data flow associated with the first communication session (col. 12, lines 46-57), and further to use an existing air interface associated with the first communication session for communicating data associated with the second communication session (col. 12, lines 39-46).

3. As per claims 2,9,14 Fong disclosed a computer readable medium having stored therein instructions (col. 12, lines 64-67).

4. As per claims 3,15 Fong disclosed wherein the data flow comprises a multimedia data flow (col. 3, lines 1-9).

5. As per claims 4,10,16 Fong disclosed wherein the step of intercepting data flow associated with the first communication session comprises intercepting at a serving node the data flow associated with the first communication session (col. 10, lines 9-31).

6. As per claims 5,17,21 Fong disclosed wherein the serving node comprises a packet data serving node (PDSN) or gateway general packet radio service support node (GGSN) (col. 13, lines 53-60).

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7. As per claims 6,11 Fong disclosed wherein the existing air interface comprises a plurality of communication channels and switching data flow associated with the second communication session to as existing air interface comprises using an existing communication channel associated with the first communication session for the data flow associated with the second communication session (col. 5, lines 46-65).

8. As per claims 7,12 Fong disclosed wherein the existing air interface comprises a plurality of communication channels and switching data flow associated with the first communication session; using a second communication session to an existing interface comprises: terminating a first communication channel associated with the first communication session (col. 5, lines 5-15); using a second communication channel on the existing air interface for the data flow associated with the second communication session (col. 5, lines 16-24).

9. As per claim 13,18,22 Fong disclosed a method for controlling a plurality of communication sessions on a mobile node, the method comprising: communicating data associated with a first communication session on the mobile node; receiving a first signaling message on the mobile node, the first signaling message indicating a second communication session to be connected to the mobile node (col. 2, lines 12-21); notifying a user of the mobile node about the second communication session, wherein the user is notified using an identifier selected on the mobile node based on a data type associated with the second communication session; determining if the second communication session is accepted by the user (col. 13, lines 52-60); if so sending a second signaling message from the :mobile node, the second signaling

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message comprising instructions to put the first communication session on hold and activate the second communication session; intercepting a first data flow associated with the first communication session to the mobile node; and switching a second data flow associated with the second communication session to an air interface associated with the first communication session (col. 11, lines 5-29).

10. As per claim 19 Fong disclosed wherein the air interface comprises a plurality of communication channels, and the network device is configured to a terminate data communication associated with the first communication session to the mobile node and further to switch the second communication session to a communication channel associated with the first communication session (col. 12, lines 51-58).

11. As per claims 20,26 Fong disclosed wherein the air interface comprises a plurality of communication channels, and the network device is configured to a terminate a first communication channels associated with the first communication session and set up a second communication channel over the existing air interface for data communication associated with the second communication session (col. 5, lines 5-15).

12. As per claim 23 Fong disclosed wherein the serving node comprises a packet data serving node (PDSN) or a gateway general packet radio service support node (GGSN), and the mobile node comprises a mobile node comprises a mobile router or a mobile client device (col. 13, lines 53-60).

13. As per claim 24 Fong disclosed wherein the air interface comprises a plurality of communication channels, and the serving node is configured to terminate a first communication channel associated with the first communication session and set up a second communication channel over the existing air interface (col. 13, lines 42-53).

14. As per claim 25 Fong disclosed wherein the serving node further configured to terminate communication of data associated with the first communication session (col. 12, lines 46-58).

Conclusion

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (571)-272-3885.

16. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin Wallace can be reached on (571)-272-6159. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239.

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17. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

(703)-746-7239 (For Status Inquiries, Informal or Draft Communications, please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT");

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(703)-746-7238 (For After Final Communications).

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